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### Preliminary Amendment And Response To Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. Response is required on or before July 20, 2000 and therefore this communication is being timely filed.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 17-18, 21, 41-46, 49, 52-54 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed thereby.

Please add the following new claims:

55. (New) The face mask of claim 50 wherein said ferroelectric material comprises from about 0.01% to about 50% by weight of said fibers

56. The face mask of claim 55 wherein said thermoplastic polymer comprises a polyolefin.

57. The face mask material of claim 55 wherein said ferroelectric material comprises from about 0.1% to about 30% by weight of said fibers.

58. The face mask of claim 57 wherein said thermoplastic polymer comprises a propylene polymer.

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